

FAST Series Training		
Facilities Maintenance and Repairs		
#	Question	Answer(s)
<b>General Questions</b>		
1	Who do we contact for the 3 CLPs if we don't get them after a month?	<b>Live Answered (Q&amp;A Pod)</b> Please email <a href="mailto:fast.event@gsa.gov">fast.event@gsa.gov</a>
2	How can I participate in more webinars like this one?	<b>Live Answered (Q&amp;A Pod)</b> Thank you for your interest! We are planning more sessions for FY22. Please bookmark our webpage <a href="http://gsa.gov/fast">gsa.gov/fast</a> , as details will be coming soon.
<b>Defining Requirements</b>		
3	Did I understand Todd correctly: MAS contracts are not permitted for construction contracts?	<b>Live Answered (Q&amp;A Pod)</b> Yes, that is correct. Construction services are not permitted under the MAS Schedules. Construction services are governed by a different part of the FAR.
<b>Marketing Research As a Service (MRAS)</b>		
4	Is MRAS only available for GSA entities or other federal organizations too, like DHA?	<b>(Answered via Q&amp;A Pod)</b> MRAS is a free service provided by GSA for all federal, state, and local entities using a GSA acquisition solution. More about MRAS as a process and a solution can be found here - <a href="https://www.gsa.gov/about-us/organization/federal-acquisition-service/customer-and-stakeholder-engagement/market-research-as-a-service-mras">https://www.gsa.gov/about-us/organization/federal-acquisition-service/customer-and-stakeholder-engagement/market-research-as-a-service-mras</a>
5	Can we use MRAS for any dollar amount or is there a minimum?	<b>Live Answered (Q&amp;A Pod)</b> There is no minimum. We have different tools that we can tailor based on how simple or complex the requirement is.
6	What dollar threshold is MRAS based around? What is too small, too large?	<b>Live Answered (Q&amp;A Pod)</b> We do not have a dollar amount threshold for MRAS. No requirement is too small or too large. I would suggest that you reach out to your Customer Service Director first, to see what they can recommend as the best route for market research. If they feel that MRAS is a good route for you to go, you can submit a request and we can always help you with your market research needs.
7	Last I heard the CALC information was older. Is the tool being kept up to date now?	<b>Live Answered (Q&amp;A Pod)</b> Some CALC data may be outdated due to the number of pricing modifications processed. For accurate information please check <a href="http://www.gsaelibrary.gsa.gov">www.gsaelibrary.gsa.gov</a> or contact the assigned Contracting Officer for further assistance. This information can also be found on the Elibrary website.
<b>Conducting the Buy</b>		
8	Can this be used for the replacement of damaged ceiling tiles?	<b>Live Answered (Q&amp;A Pod)</b> Damaged ceiling tiles could possibly be in scope of ANCR, Ancillary Repair and Alteration. We would need to see the PWS in order to provide a definitive response.
9	We hold the Energy GSA Contract and haven't seen many energy or commissioning opportunities through e-Buy. Do you think that will increase with the upcoming energy initiatives?	<b>Live Answered (Q&amp;A Pod)</b> The answer is kind of a short one right now because we do not have a definitive answer. Yes we are hopeful that energy will have a big push with the potential infrastructure bill passing.

10	Does GSA contracting do something similar to Job Order Contracting or JOC?	<b>Live Answered (Q&amp;A Pod)</b> Kennard, we can have someone contact you to discuss further? There are some requirements with more construction than others.
11	How much did that generator cost to power an entire island?	<b>Live Answered (Q&amp;A Pod)</b> That was 12 years ago and if memory serves it was just over 1.5 million, or so.
12	Does each GSA region have a records manager assigned? If so how can reach out to them.	<b>Live Answered (Q&amp;A Pod)</b> If you are referring to CSD's that were mentioned, you can use the following link: <a href="https://www.gsa.gov/about-us/organization/federal-acquisition-service/customer-and-stakeholder-engagement/customer-service-directors">https://www.gsa.gov/about-us/organization/federal-acquisition-service/customer-and-stakeholder-engagement/customer-service-directors</a> to locate a CSD.
13	Can OLM be used for equipment/material not listed under your GSA Contract? (misc. maintenance material?)	<b>Live Answered (Q&amp;A Pod)</b> We encourage all industry partners to include all services, parts and materials on the contract. OLM can be used for equipment/materials that were not foreseen in the issuance of the requirement. The OLM SIN cannot be utilized unless it is awarded to the procurement.
14	I have the pleasure of creating an HVAC contract for all of our facilities. Any advice on how to start this process?	<b>Written Answer (Post Event)</b> Use the Market research tools discussed. Also use MRAS to help determine the availability of contractors/competition within the SIN 561210FAC for HVAC services in the place of performance. Feel free to contact me separately if needed.
15	Hi Todd, Is this same process applicable for Sole Source Acquisitions?	<b>Live Answered (Q&amp;A Pod)</b> Far Subpart 8.405-6 discusses the use of limiting sources but yes, the process is very similar to conducting a sole source acquisition using another contracting vehicle or using the open market.